

REMARKS

1. It is respectfully requested that the foregoing Preliminary Amendment be entered prior to examination of the application to place the application in condition for examination and allowance.

Amendments to the Claims

2. Claims 1-20 were originally presented for examination in the parent application 09/052,922. By the foregoing Amendments, claims 1-20 have been canceled and replaced with new claims 21-89. Thus, by the foregoing Amendments, 69 claims are pending in this application of which four claims (claims 21, 41, 67 and 83) are independent. These amendments are believed not to introduce new matter and their entry is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification

4. The Specification has been amended to correct grammatical, typographical and other minor errors. Applicants submit herewith as Attachment 1 a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b)(3). Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.125(c), the substitute specification is in clean form without markings as to amended material.

5. Enclosed as Attachment 2 is a marked up version of the specification of record showing all changes made to the specification. These changes to the Specification are believed not to introduce new matter. Accordingly, the substitute specification is compliant with 37 C.F.R. §1.125(b).

Drawings

6. Submitted with this paper is a Letter to the Official Draftsperson with a set of formal drawings to replace the informal drawings originally submitted in this application.

CONCLUSION

7. Applicants respectfully assert that this application is in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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